

HOUSE RESOLUTION 174

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Jenkins Hardin of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Jenkins Hardin; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jenkins Hardin served with acumen and alacrity as a real estate investor and an agent with Pilkerton Realtors, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, born in Columbia, Ms. Hardin was the daughter of Tom Hardin and Connie Hardin and graduated from Battle Ground Academy; and

WHEREAS, committed to furthering her education, Mary Jenkins Hardin went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia, and a master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Tennessee at Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jenkins Hardin was an active and devout member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Columbia and St. Augustine's Chapel in Nashville, both of which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardin played a leading role in the revitalization of Nashville's premier urban neighborhoods, including the 12South neighborhood and her historic Belmont-Hillsboro neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jenkins Hardin protected the character and history of Nashville through her passion for historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardin was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jenkins Hardin enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Brett A. Sheriff, and was the proud parent of Tate A. Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband and son, Ms. Hardin is survived by her parents, Connie Hardin, Kile Patrick, Tom Hardin, and Dwayna Hardin; her sisters, Kim Hardin and Olivia H. Hardin; her brother and sister-in-law, Wesley G. and Abi Hardin; and her nephews and nieces, Hardin F. Manhein, Thomas Gray Manhein, Lauren Lea Manhein, Mary McClure Hardin, Anne Elizabeth Hardin, and Wesley Gray Hardin II; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jenkins Hardin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardin, through her many good deeds, inspired her friends and other Nashvillians to follow in her footsteps and honor her memory by performing good deeds and helping others; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jenkins Hardin was memorialized on November 22, 2015, at St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel on the campus of Vanderbilt University, where hundreds of neighbors, friends, family, colleagues, and countless others on whom Ms. Hardin's character and passion made a lasting impact joined together for words of remembrance, "woots," and well played music in grand celebration of a life fully and gracefully lived; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Ms. Mary Jenkins Hardin, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mary Jenkins Hardin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.